

We recently experienced sudden, unexpected failure of a very large section of the boundary wall to our property. Although it is hard to ascertain the cause of the wall falling down, the trees at the boundary wall may have contributed to the failure of the wall.

We now need to repair the wall and protect it (and the other walls surrounding our garden) from future damage. We have therefore assessed the boundary walls to identify problematic trees. We are only applying to remove trees of low amenity value.

Tree 1 is a holly tree which is located at one end of where the wall collapsed.

Tree 2 is a holly tree which is located at the other end of where the wall collapsed.

Tree 3 is a yew tree which is situated at the boundary wall almost adjacent to tree 2 and therefore could have contributed to the wall collapse.

Tree 4 is another holly tree. It is not near the site of the collapsed wall but it is very close to the boundary wall and could cause the same issue in future so we want to remove this to protect the wall.

Tree 5 is an elderberry tree. When we inspected this tree (after the wall collapsed, as part of our whole boundary inspection) we found that this tree was dangerous. It is leaning badly, a large branch has already split off and is being held in the canopy. It is growing very close to a very old building on the adjacent property. This needs to come down urgently for safety reasons and to protect the nearby old building in the grounds of Ewell Castle school as it could fall over on this building.

Tree 6 is a small holly tree that doesn't have a stem that is big enough to need permission to remove. But it is on the boundary wall and will grow bigger so we want to remove it now to stop the same issues that have been caused by trees 1 and 2 in future.

A location plan of the trees has been provided in a separate document.

Collapsed wall



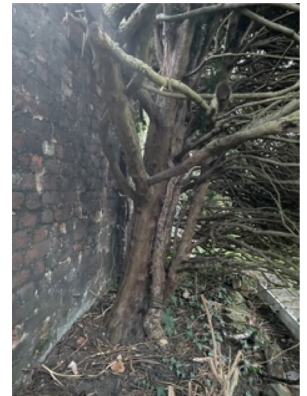
Tree 1



Tree 2



Tree 3



Tree 4



Tree 5



Tree 5 - split



Tree 6

